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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Superior Water, Light and Power Company for
Approval to Increase Retail Gas and Water Rates

5820-UR-108

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING,
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS
AND
TELEPHONIC PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Prehearing Conference Date:	Friday, October 18, 2002 – 9:00 a.m.
Conference Locations:	Superior Water, Light and Power Office Building, 2915 Hill Avenue, Superior, WI Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the application of Superior Water, Light and Power Company (SWLP), filed May 14, 2002, under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03(1) and (3), 196.20(1), and 196.37(1), (2), and (3), for approval of its application to increase retail gas and water rates. SWLP's filing requests an \$845,851 (6.78 percent) increase for natural gas operations and a \$1,007,871 (19.18 percent) increase for water operations. No changes to current retail electric rates are being proposed by SWLP. Copies of the application can be obtained by written request to Superior Water, Light and Power Company, P. O. Box 519, Superior, WI 54880.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will hold a telephonic prehearing conference on Friday, October 18, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. This will be a telephonic prehearing conference conducted from two sites. The applicant will provide a room for customer participation in the general conference room at the Superior Water, Light and Power Office Building, 2915 Hill Avenue, Superior, Wisconsin. Customers can call the SWLP at (715) 394-2200 for further details on the location of the conference room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Commission staff will participate from the second location in the Amnicon Falls

Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

The prehearing conference is being held to: (1) identify persons who will actively participate as parties; (2) identify issues; (3) determine the date and time for a hearing; (4) specify dates for filing testimony and exhibits; and (5) any other matters that will facilitate the hearing.

Parties will be bound by the designation of issues and the schedule adopted at the prehearing conference. Persons who consider themselves to be potential parties should participate in the prehearing conference. Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.21 (3) no later than 60 days from the date of this notice. The Administrative Law Judge may modify the filing due date for intervention requests at the final prehearing conference. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge David C. Whitcomb, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Bruce Manthey at (608) 266-5528.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission